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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council
October 21, 2013**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on October 21, 2013 at the Safford Public Library, 808 S. 7th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Members Present in person:

Pam Patt, Donna McGaughey, Laurie Smith, Susan Norton, Ann Johnson, Ryan Henry, JoAnn Morales and Stacy Morris

Members Absent:

Richard Keith, Jan Elliott and Dena Barentine,

Call to the Public

None

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting was made by Member McGaughey, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-0).

Discussion of SFY13-15 Strategic Plan

Director Elkins reminded the council that in the fall of 2011, the Regional Council adopted a three year funding plan for fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015 and that each year the Regional Council must review this three year funding plan, make revisions and adopt the funding plan for the next fiscal year. She reviewed the FY2014 progress, reminded them that this is not a year to make major changes as that will be part of their strategic planning next year and then presented three possible options for FY2015. The council directed Director Elkins to proceed with writing the funding plan using option one. This will be presented, reviewed and approved at the November 18th regional council meeting.

Update, Discussion and Possible Approval of the Regional School Readiness Benchmark

Dr. Amy Kemp, Evaluation Consultant, provided a presentation on benchmarking as well as data for Indicator # 2, #/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars. Dr. Kemp reviewed the School Readiness Indicator 2 worksheet with the Regional Council Members and after a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Member Patt to approve a benchmark for Indicator 2 at 85% for "A" and 18.5% for "B" to be vetted publically, seconded by Member Morales. Motion carried (8-0-0).

Outreach Update

Outreach Consultant, Paulette LeBlanc, reported on her activities for August and September and informed the council of her current Early Childhood Every Day Workshops. Ms. Leblanc also shared her recent articles and invited Regional Council Members to attend and/or assist her in her presentations.

Paulette LeBlanc presented her 2014 Community Outreach Plan and stated that her duties were to focus more on writing articles and getting published in local media. Ms. LeBlanc encouraged members to share content on personal communications sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc. She also encouraged members to give presentations either individually or with her.

Member Henry moved to implement the 2014 Community Outreach Plan generated by Outreach Consultant Paulette LeBlanc, seconded by Member Norton. Motion carried (8-0-0).

System Building

This agenda item was tabled, to be discussed at the next Regional Council Meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location

The next regular meeting will be held on November 18, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Shari Elkins,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director**

Approved:

**Laurie Smith,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair**